

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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1. (currently amended): A method for providing prerequisite checking in a system for creating compilations from a plurality of content objects stored in a data repository, each content object comprising a plurality of content entities, some of the content entities being prerequisites to others of the content entities, comprising the steps of:

16 ~~Upon~~upon addition or removal of a content entity to or from the compilation, determining if the content entity has any prerequisite content entities, and if so, adding or removing the prerequisite content ~~entity~~entities.

2. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the prerequisites are conditional.

3. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the conditions for applying a prerequisite are defined in one or more rules.

4. (original): The method of claim 3, in the case of more than one rules pertaining to the same prerequisite, further comprising the step of reducing the rule set if possible into a smaller set of rules.

5. (original): The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of rewriting any negative rules as positive rules.

6. (currently amended): A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing prerequisite checking in a system for creating compilations from a plurality of content objects stored in a data repository, each content object comprising a plurality of content entities, some of the content entities being prerequisites to others of the content entities, comprising the steps of:

~~Upon~~upon addition or removal of a content entity to or from the compilation, determining if the content entity has any prerequisite content entities, and if so, adding or removing the prerequisite content ~~entity~~entities.

7. (original): The method of claim 6, wherein one or more of the prerequisites are conditional.

8. (original): The method of claim 6, wherein the conditions for applying a prerequisite are defined in one or more rules.

9. (original): The method of claim 8, in the case of more than one rules pertaining to the same prerequisite, further comprising the step of reducing the rule set if possible into a smaller set of rules.

10. (original): The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of rewriting any negative rules as positive rules.

11. (currently amended): A system for providing prerequisite checking in a system for creating compilations from a plurality of content objects stored in a data repository, each content object comprising a plurality of content entities, some of the content entities being prerequisites to others of the content entities, comprising:

~~Means~~means for determining, upon addition or removal of a content entity to or from the compilation, if the content entity has any prerequisite content entities, and if so, adding or removing the prerequisite content ~~entity~~entities.

12. (original): The system of claim 11, wherein one or more of the prerequisites are conditional.

13. (original): The system of claim 11, wherein the conditions for applying a prerequisite are defined in one or more rules.

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14. (original): The system of claim 13, further comprising means for reducing the rule set if possible into a smaller set of rules in the case of more than one rules pertaining to the same prerequisite.

15. (original): The system of claim 13, further comprising means for rewriting any negative rules as positive rules.

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